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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Ms. PRYCE].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 1, 1996.

I hereby designate the Honorable DEBORAH PRYCE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Of all the many gifts that You have given, O God, we offer our gratitude for Your free gifts of prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. You have invited us to speak to You with our supplications and petitions, our hopes and fears, our joys and concerns. When we face the challenges of the hour and the anxieties of every day, encourage us, O gracious God, to communicate with You in prayer and realize the abounding grace that You give to every person and know the overflowing love that is available to all. In Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to make an announcement.

After consultation with the majority and minority leaders, and with their consent and approval, the Chair announces that during the joint meeting to hear an address by His Excellency Jacques Chirac, only the doors immediately opposite the Speaker and those on his right and left will be open.

No one will be allowed on the floor of the House who does not have the privilege of the floor of the House.

Due to the large attendance which is anticipated, the Chair feels that the rule regarding the privilege of the floor must be strictly adhered to.

Children of Members will not be permitted on the floor, and the cooperation of all Members is requested.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Friday, January 26, 1996, the House will stand in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

During the recess, beginning at about 11:40 a.m., the following proceedings were had:

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JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO HEAR AN ADDRESS BY HIS EXCELLENCY JACQUES CHIRAC, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC

The SPEAKER of the House presided. The Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms, Bill Sims, announced the Vice President and Members of the U.S. Senate who entered the Hall of the House of Representatives, the Vice President taking the chair at the right of the Speaker, and the Members of the Senate the seats reserved for them.

The SPEAKER. On the part of the House, the Chair appoints as members of the committee on the part of the House to escort His Excellency Jacques Chirac into the Chamber:

The gentleman from Texas [Mr. ARMEY];

The gentleman from California [Mr. COX];

The gentleman from New York [Mr. GILMAN];

The gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. BEREUTER];

The gentleman from Missouri [Mr. GEPHARDT];

The gentlewoman from Connecticut [Mrs. KENNELLY];

The gentleman from Maryland [Mr. HOYER]; and

The gentleman from Indiana [Mr. HAMILTON].

The VICE PRESIDENT. The President of the Senate, at the direction of that body, appoints the following Senators as a committee on the part of the Senate to escort His Excellency Jacques Chirac, the President of the French Republic, into the House Chamber:

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. LOTT];

The Senator from Mississippi [Mr. COCHRAN];

The Senator from Florida [Mr. MACK];

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